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**Fauquier County Board of Supervisors
Public Safety Committee
Meeting of September 15, 2004**

MINUTES

1. Call to Order

Public Safety Committee Chairman, Chester Stribling, called the meeting to order at 5:06 pm

2. Introduction of Participants

Present were:

- Mr. Raymond Graham, Vice Chairman, Fauquier County Board of Supervisors
- Mr. Chester Stribling, Fauquier County Board of Supervisors
- Sheriff Charlie Ray Fox, Jr., Fauquier County Sheriff
- Mr. Anthony Hooper, Deputy County Administrator
- Ms. Catherine Heritage, Assistant County Administrator
- Mr. Bill Dugan, WFJCC
- Mr. Tim McMenamin, Director, WFJCC
- Lt. Colonel Dave Flohr, Fauquier County Sheriff's Office
- Mr. Bryan Tippie, Director, Budget Office
- Mr. Tom Marable, President, Fauquier Fire and Rescue Association
- Chief Philip Myer, Dept. of Fire and Emergency Services
- Dr. Bill Barker, Dept. of Fire and Emergency Services
- Sgt. Walter Putnam, Warrenton Police Department
- Mr. Charles Shepherd, Virginia Dept. of Health
- Mr. Tom Pavelko, Staff to the Public Safety Committee

*Ms. Alexandra Bogedahovic of the Fauquier Times Democrat joined the Public Safety Committee as an observer.

3. Approval of the Minutes and Agenda

Mr. Stribling called for approval of the current agenda and the minutes of the August 18, 2004 meeting. Seconded: Mr. Graham. Adopted.

4. Warrenton/Fauquier JCC Upgrades

Tim McMenamin requested supplemental budget appropriation from Joint Communications' end fund balance to address current safety, training and operations needs in the Joint Communications Center. He cited employee turnover rates could be attributed to low morale and poor working conditions. His request for additional training, better equipment and new uniforms would address these issues and improve the overall morale and effectiveness of the department. Items such as new headsets, chairs, and additional training were recommended. The current ventilation problem and mounting brackets for a television set will be addressed by the operations department. It was recommended that the dress code remain at the current level, but be updated to accommodate additional uniforms for staff. Mr. Graham requested that Bryan Tippie and Tim McMenamin work to formulate precise costs of the request and place this item on the next Finance Committee Agenda.

5. FRA Carry Over Requests

Tom Marable, on behalf of the FRA, requested that some of their FY04 carryover funds be reallocated to FY05 budgets to fund immediate equipment and training needs. No objections were made, however it was suggested that the FRA be more specific in their request. General discussion ensued about the needs and rotation plans for FRA equipment.

6. 800 MHz Update

Bill Dugan provided an update on the 800 MHz radio system. He advised that we are in the final portion of acceptance testing. Crucial coverage testing will begin very soon which will be followed by a thirty day "cut over" period. An additional \$35,000 is being sought to equip the Sheriff's Office vehicles, which will resolve an equipment incompatibility with the sirens. It was agreed that the monies would come from the contingency reserve fund. Mr. Stribling requested that the testing period be expedited.

7. Multi-Jurisdictional All Hazard Mitigation Plan

Philip Myer announced that the Rappahannock-Rapidan All-Hazard Mitigation Plan is finished. This federally mandated requirement was the first in the State to be completed. Such a plan authorizes future mitigation grants and post disaster projects. A resolution by the Board of Supervisors was requested. Katie Heritage was tasked with placing the resolution on the BOS October agenda for approval.

8. Roundtable

Sheriff Fox advised that the School Resource Grants had not been renewed and that approximately \$70,000 was needed to fund two officer positions to keep the program. It was recommended that the school system be contacted with regards to partial funding of the program to keep it going. Charles Shepherd indicated that the Health Department's first mass medicine dispense drill was very successful. Mr. Graham encouraged public safety agencies to find a medium to let the public know that Fauquier County is being proactive about such issues. Tom Marable indicated that the recently implemented dual dispatch system has proven to be effective thus far, and is making a difference. Philip Myer debriefed the committee on Hurricane Frances and provided updates on the predicted path of Hurricane Ivan.

9. Adjournment

Hearing no further business, Mr. Stribling called for adjournment at 6:48 pm. Generally concurred.

Given under my hand this 6th day of October 2004

Thomas S. Pavelko, Lead Staff
Board of Supervisors Public Safety Committee

